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## First State Bank

(Succ. to W. S. Tuck & Co. Banker)  
ALMA, MICHIGAN.

Capital \$30,000.00  
Surplus \$9,000.00

A. W. Wright, President.  
W. S. Tuck, Vice-President.  
Ely H. Whittaker, Cashier.  
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We offer the public every reasonable banking facility and respectfully solicit your patronage. Money to loan on real estate. Three per cent interest paid on time certificates of deposit.  
Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent

## The Alma State Savings Bank

ALMA, MICH.  
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Surplus, 4,000.

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Teeth Extracted Without Pain.

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## TAKE CARE OF YOUR EYES.

If you see your not in sight, Arise, and search for better light. If light does not, the eyes improve. Then quickly, on you get a move.

Put off your work, without delay. And start for Alma right away. And when there, to get a test. Go to Porter's he's the best.

G. B. PORTER,

The Optician.

## READY FOR WORK AT ALMA COLLEGE.

Announcement Made By President Bruske of Many Improvements Made.

## THE HOOD MUSEUM NOW NEARLY READY.

New Walks on the Grounds. Floors in Buildings Rebuilt and New Chemical Laboratories Fitted Up.

The following bulletin has been issued by President Bruske, of Alma college, which will certainly be good news to the friends of educational institution:

"That is the invitation that Alma sends out to the young people of Michigan, and the surrounding states. During the summer vacation the college has been lengthening her chords and strengthening her stakes. A larger facility than ever will be ready to enter upon the work of instruction. This was made possible by the special gift of a distinguished citizen of Saginaw, Miss Winifred Salisbury of the University of Wisconsin, will have charge of the athletics for the young ladies and will assist Miss Katherine Ingalls in the German. The latter comes lack to the position which she has graced for many years, but which she has had to relinquish twice, because of insufficient health. It is believed that by lightening her burdens she will be able to remain for many years to come.

Wright Hall has been made more beautiful than ever by the donation of Mr. Joseph Berry, of Detroit, who gave the material that enabled us to varnish the building from top to bottom. Every floor now glistens like sunshine on the face of beauty. The chapel and floors of the Administration Building have shared in the adornment by the same generous hand.

The lower floors of the Administration Building have been so changed that they will all be devoted to chemistry. That chemistry is to be the great science of the future there can be little doubt, and Alma is doing her utmost to be among the first to understand this and be ready to take advantage of it. Hence during the coming year five rooms will be used for chemical laboratories and recitation purposes.

The Hood Museum is witnessing the greatest improvements. For more than two years we have held in our possession the greatest treasure of fossils in this state, (the noble collection of Alexander Winchell); but we could not exhibit it. We now require only a little time and the work will be finished. We have the picture of the celebrated Professor from the loving hand of Mrs. Winchell. We have three fine cases, the gift of Dr. Alfred Lane, State Geologist of Michigan. All the glass necessary for them has been given by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company of Detroit. Copies of all the works of Prof. Winchell were donated by the publishers and Mr. Francis Hood, of Pentaga, Mich., has made a contribution in cash. Only a little more time therefore and we will have this complete Memorial of Michigan's greatest Geologist at Alma.

The old students will witness a great change in the face of the campus. The unsatisfactory walk in front of the lawn, which has been becoming more and more wretched and patched and full of holes, is now to be seen without a patch or a hole. Thanks to the Peerless Portland Cement Co., of Union City, Mich., the old walk is "born anew" and is as solid as granite. All this, and much more than this, our friends will be delighted to see. Remember, therefore, Sept. 15th, the day of the opening. 'Come, for all things are ready.'

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## EVERYTHING READY FOR SCHOOL OPENING.

An Excellent Corps of Teachers Engaged for the Ensuing Year.

## NEW QUARTERS PREPARED FOR THE KINDERGARTNERS.

Six New Instructors will be Found at Work at the Beginning of the Term

The public schools of Alma, work in which will be resumed next Monday morning, is an institution of which every citizen of our village is justly proud. There is no other town in Gratiot county, and probably none of its size in the state, that has a more picturesque site, commodious building or a more complete equipment for a first class up-to-date school. The grounds are spacious, clean and shady, furnishing excellent playground for the children



A. F. ROCKWELL,  
Superintendent Alma Union Schools.

besides adding much to the beauty of the surroundings. The buildings are strictly modern in every way and during the summer vacation have been thoroughly cleaned, painted and calcimined. A flowing well furnishes an abundance of pure, sparkling water.

The biological, chemical and physical laboratories are a convenient as money and energy can make them and are now arranged and equipped with all the modern apparatus and appliances. The chemical laboratory has been entirely overhauled during the summer vacation and now has a full set of wash basins with water works attachments for each, together with apparatus, reagents, etc., for individual work. When school opens next Monday Alma will be prepared to offer as complete a course in the sciences as is given in the best high schools of the state.



JOHN SHINER,  
Principal Alma Union Schools.

The school is supplied with a working library of 1900 volumes, embracing works of history, biography, sciences, mythology, fiction, literature, essays, criticisms, etc. The reading table will be supplied with many of the best magazines and periodicals.

The high school is organized under the elective system, thus giving the student the privilege of electing, in a larger measure, those studies for which he is best adapted and still not deprive him of his diploma. Students receiving diplomas from the Alma high school will be admitted without examination to the literary and professional departments of the University of Michigan and the colleges of the state.

The plan of the school in two-fold; First, it serves as a secondary school for those who do not wish to continue their studies in higher institutions of learning, but who desire a liberal education for the ordinary transaction of business, or the acquiring of a teachers' third grade certificate. Second, it is a preparatory school for the University of Michigan.

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## ...A NEW THING AT MESSINGER'S...

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## GOOD JOKE ON SOMEONE.

The "E. W. Whitney" Cigar Label the Cause of It.

"Many in this city will remember J. B. Connors, who was connected with and had much to do with the building of the Ann Arbor railroad into this city a few years ago. At present Mr. Connors is division superintendent of the N. & W. railroad and located at Portsmouth, Ohio. A warm friendship sprang up between T. W. Whitney, of this city, and Mr. C. years ago, which has not been allowed to diminish with time, and learning last week that Mr. Connors was in Toledo, Truman sent him a box of the Whitney brand of cigars, which has a very fine label containing T. W.'s best expression reduced to paper. Saturday 'Whit' received the following letter acknowledging the receipt of the cigars:

T. W. Whitney, St. Louis, Mich.  
Dear Sir: I received the box of cigars with Bryan's picture thereon, and you do not know how much it has pleased me to see your name associated with such a noble character, knowing how rampant a republican you were in days gone by. It only goes to show that time changes all things. If you have another picture of Bryan send it to me.  
Respt., J. B. CONNORS.  
Whit answered the letter, claiming it

a good joke on Bryan."—St. Louis Independent. The brand of cigars referred to is "T. W. Whitney," manufactured by McCullough & Son, of Alma.

## A ROYAL WELCOME.

The Soldiers and Sailors Reunion at Big Rapids Next Week.

Newspapers in Michigan have exhibited great interest in the big Soldiers and Sailors' Reunion to be held at Big Rapids next week, Sept. 7-12, and the publicity is merited for the association is up and doing, and with hearty backing from Big Rapids people generally, will give the comrades and visitors a royal welcome and a week full of interesting variety and pleasure. The management are sparing no time nor expense to make this one of the best ever given by the association. Four leading days, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and every one a hummer of good, clean amusement.

A one fare rate from all over the state, and you will miss it if you miss it.

We Take the Chances.  
If you have neuralgia of the stomach, gastritis, nausea, furred tongue, or a constant pain in the stomach, try Major's Neu-Ral Pills. We guarantee and recommend them. Bivins & Rhodes.

## WERE NOT MARRIED.

Couple That Had Been Living Here for a Short Time Arrested.

On Friday last Deputy Sheriff Sherman, of Muir, came to Alma and in company with Under Sheriff Button arrested a man by the name of Ezra Osborn and a woman by the name of Emma Egbert, who had been living here for a few weeks as man and wife, although the warrant said they were not married, and they were wanted on that charge. The deputy took them to Muir and while waiting for the train for Ionia, Osborn eluded the officer and skipped. The woman will stand trial.

## WHY DID HE DO IT?

Bert Woodward appeared on the streets the first of the week with his mustache removed, an incident which has given rise to the question being asked if he was trying to disguise himself for some reason upon his return from Chicago. It hardly seems possible that he has such a poor opinion of the Chicago police that he would deem that sufficient, although it is conceded that his best friends hardly recognized him, so great is the change in his appearance